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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Pedro – LAPD Officer Wounded During Attack Inside Police Station

(U) A Los Angeles police officer suffered a head injury when he was attacked by an assailant Saturday night inside the Harbor Division police station in San Pedro, authorities said. "Some individual came into the Harbor station, and when an officer went to speak with him, some type of confrontation occurred where we believe an officer was disarmed," said LAPD Chief Michel Moore. Assistant Police Chief Horace Frank said the watch commander at the station heard the commotion and came out, then saw the assailant was hitting the officer and had taken his gun. Frank said the watch commander fired his gun at the suspect, who then fled. The suspect jumped into a car with a second man and was captured after a short pursuit.

SOURCE: 26 September 2020, Los Angeles Times

(U) Yorba Linda – Woman Arrested for Allegedly Ramming Protestors with Car

(U) A Long Beach woman was arrested Saturday after allegedly ramming her car into protesters, seriously injuring two people, according to the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Tatiana Turner, 40, was taken into custody after striking a man and a woman with her car in the parking lot of the Yorba Linda Public Library, according to an Orange County Sheriff's Department press release. The release states that Turner will be charged with attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon. SOURCE: 27 September 2020, NBC News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – USBP Stops Human Smuggling Attempt, Arrests 31

(U) Laredo – US Border Patrol agents foiled a dangerous human smuggling attempt at the Highway 83 checkpoint. The incident happened on 23 September when a tractor hauling a belly dump trailer approached the checkpoint and a canine alerted to the presence of concealed humans. When agents searched the trailer, they found 31 undocumented immigrants inside.

SOURCE: 25 September 2020, KGNS

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – 140 Arrested in US Marshals Gang Enforcement Operation

(U) Phoenix – The US Marshals Service Arizona WANTED Violent Offender Task Force worked with the Phoenix Police Department and other agencies to arrest scores of "violent fugitives," agency officials said. From 10 August through 17 September, as a part of Operation Snake Eyes (OSE), the operation led to 140 arrests relating to gang violence. According to US Marshals, 51 of those arrested are gang members. They also confiscated 131 firearms, \$145,831 in cash, and 3,207 fake Fentanyl pills. SOURCE: 26 September 2020, CBS 5 Phoenix

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(U) Texas – Two Alleged ISIS Supporters Arrested for Planning to Attack White House, Trump Tower (U) San Antonio – Two men faces charges in connection with an alleged plot to bomb or shoot at high-profile sites in the US, including the White House and Trump Tower in New York City, a federal complaint shows. Jaylyn Christopher Molina, of Texas, and Kristopher Sean Matthews, of South Carolina, face charges of conspiracy to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization. According to a criminal complaint filed in the federal court for the Western District of Texas, Molina and Matthews used an online chat group in 2019 to discuss attacking US targets on behalf of the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). The pair also allegedly discussed traveling to Syria to fight with ISIS. SOURCE: 26 September 2020, NBC News

(U) Virginia – USCG Cutter Returns After Seizing \$72 Million in Narcotics

(U) Portsmouth – The Coast Guard Cutter Harriet Lane returned to its homeport in Portsmouth, after a 56-day patrol in the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Coast Guard 5th District said in a release. During its deployment, the crew of Harriet Lane interdicted three go-fast vessels, carrying a combined total of approximately 3,882-pounds of suspected cocaine and 2,527-pounds of marijuana, with an estimated street value of \$72 million of illegal narcotics.

SOURCE: 24 September 2020, Seapower Magazine

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Bulgaria – Banks, Telecom Services Hit by Cyberattack

(U) Budapest – Some Hungarian banking and telecommunication services were briefly disrupted by a powerful cyberattack on Thursday launched from computer servers in Russia, China, and Vietnam, telecommunication firm Magyar Telekom said on Saturday. The event was a distributed-denial-of-service (DDoS) attack, a cyberattack in which hackers attempt to flood a network with unusually high volumes of data traffic in order to paralyze it. The volume of data traffic in the attack was 10 times higher than the amount usually seen in DDoS events, the company said.

SOURCE: 26 September 2020, Reuters

(U) France – Terror Suspect Said Knife Attack Was Aimed at Paper That Mocked Islam's Prophet

(U) Paris – The suspect in the stabbing of two people outside the former Paris office of the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo has confessed and said his attack was directed at the publication because it printed cartoons mocking the Prophet Muhammad, a French judicial official said on Saturday. Charlie Hebdo's former office was the target of a January 2015 terrorist attack that killed 12 people after the weekly first published the cartoons. It republished them in early September on the opening day of the trial of 14 people suspected of having links to the 2015 attack.

SOURCE: 26 September 2020, The New York Times

(U) Mexico - Arrest Warrants Issued on 6th Anniversary of Disappearance of 43 Students

(U) Mexico City – Mexican authorities have issued dozens of arrest warrants for police and soldiers whom they believe may have participated in the 2014 disappearance of 43 Mexican college students, the head of the investigation said on Saturday. Omar Gomez, head of the special prosecutor's office for the case, told a news conference in Mexico City the warrants had been issued for the "material and intellectual authors" of the crime, including military members, and federal and municipal police. The students from the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers' College disappeared on 26 September 2014, in the state of Guerrero. The remains of only two of the students have been positively identified so far. SOURCE: 26 September 2020, Reuters

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(U) Somalia – 16 Al-Shabaab Terrorists Killed, 40 Children Rescued

(U) Garowe – At least 16 al-Shabaab terrorists were killed, and 40 captive children rescued in a military operation in southwestern Somalia, officials said on Saturday. The operation against the al-Qa'ida affiliated group was carried out near the recently liberated agricultural town of Bariire, located 38 miles from the capital Mogadishu. The insurgents had kidnapped the children and planned to use them as suicide bombers, according to Somali military radio.

SOURCE: 26 September 2020, AA

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